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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Christophe LE ROY et al. : Group Art Unit.: 1772

Serial No.: 09/544,614 : Examiner: J. Rhee

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For: ✓ COEXTRUSION BINDER, ITS USE FOR A MULTILAYER STRUCTURE AND
THE STRUCTURE THUS OBTAINEDAMENDMENT and RESPONSEAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the remarks.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please add the abstract attached hereto.

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TC 1700IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 2, 3 and 8 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A coextrusion binder comprising:
- 5 to 30 parts of a polymer (A) comprising a blend of a polyethylene (A1) of relative density between 0.935 and 0.980 and of a polymer (A2) selected from the group consisting of elastomers, very low-density polyethylenes and ethylene copolymers, the (A1) + (A2) blend being cografed with an unsaturated carboxylic acid; and
 - 95 to 70 parts of a polyethylene (B) of relative density between 0.930 and 0.950;
- the blend of the polymer (A) and the polyethylene (B) having:
- a relative density between 0.930 and 0.950,
 - a content of grafted unsaturated carboxylic acid of between 30 and 10,000 ppm, and
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